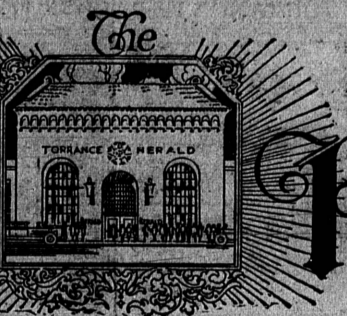


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## HUGE REFINERY TO BE BUILT HERE

### 10 ARE NAMED FOR DIRECTORS ON FIRST VOTE

Five Will Be Chosen by Ballot Monday for Office

With 39 per cent of the membership voting, the primary election for directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce resulted in the naming of the ten highest on the final ballot. Members are now receiving this ballot by mail to be marked and returned not later than 5 p.m., Monday, July 21. Those receiving the highest number of votes at the primary which closed Monday afternoon were: Harry H. Dolley, W. Rufus Page, James W. Leech, Frank Steinlifter, Sam Levy, Dr. J. S. Lancaster, F. L. Parker, J. C. Smith, B. C. Buxton and Judro C. T. Rippey.

Of these ten candidates, the membership of the chamber will vote on five to fill the places of directors whose terms have expired.

**Make Early Return**  
The judges of the election were: C. A. Faxman, chairman; Grover C. Whyte, Len J. Murray, B. C. Buxton, and J. C. Smith. They will also officiate at the canvassing of the final ballot next Monday evening.

All members are urged to mark their ballots and return them to the chamber headquarters as soon as possible. The polls will close at 6 p.m., next Monday. The five highest, together with the hold-over directors will then meet to elect officers for the ensuing year. The officers whose terms are expiring are: Harry H. Dolley, president; W. Rufus Page, first vice-president; James W. Leech, and Sam Levy and Frank Steinlifter, directors. The hold-overs on the directors are B. W. Lane, Richard R. Smith, W. Harold Kingsley and James W. Post. H. W. Lanz has tendered his resignation but no action has been taken on it.

### Torrance Shows Activity in Real Estate Business

As one of the more than 25 per cent of the incorporated "white spot" cities in Los Angeles county, Torrance showed exceptional activity in volume of real estate transfers last month as compared with June, 1929, according to a bulletin received here this week from the California Title Insurance Company.

Torrance was marked with the distinctive "AA" signifying such activity on the map which accompanied the bulletin. The activity, it was stated, was not confined to any one district but fairly well distributed throughout the county. Last month 34 deeds, one mortgage and 18 trust deeds were filed on Torrance property, as compared with 42 deeds, three mortgages and 21 trust deeds for May, 1930. Building permits for June totaled \$29,900, it was noted. Two new tracts were filed in this city with a total of six lots.

**BILL THE BARBER SAYS**  
**MY IDEA OF A WASTED STORY IS TO TELL A BALD HEADED MAN A HAIR RAISING STORY**

### City Charter Proposition "Dying" For Lack of Public Attention

**WANTED**—Twenty-five or 30 citizens who believe Torrance should take advantage of the opportunities offered by a charter form of government and who will submit a petition to the city council asking that body to consider calling an election for a board of freeholders to draft such a charter.

This request is deemed necessary by the city council in order that the charter proposition may be formally discussed and voted upon. Lack of public support was cited at the council meeting Tuesday night as the reason why the council could not take it upon themselves to act on this vital civic proposition.

**Public Interest Lax**  
The proposition was opened by Harry Dolley, as a member of the small audience that was present to hear the charter proposition aired. He said he would like to see more interest shown in the proposed charter. Mr. Dolley, Carl Hyde, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and J. R. Jensen, were the only members of the audience to take part in the discussion.

After each of the councilmen present had talked on their views of the matter it was decided that a petition from the people would be necessary to carry out the charter project by popular vote. Councilman Ed Nelson spoke at length in favor of the charter but he even admitted that the lack of public interest was decidedly dampening.

A reason for this disinterestedness was given by Councilman G. A. R. Steiner who said that the present time is inopportune for the public to consider the charter because of the existing political campaigns leading up to the November election.

**City Needs Protection**  
"The subject of a city charter should not be confused by present

### CITY FAILED TO GET LOW GAS IN WAR

Believe it or not, the city of Torrance did not get any benefit from the recent "gas war." This was brought out in council meeting Tuesday night by Councilman Ed Nelson who called the attention of the body to the payment of gasoline bills to the Standard Oil Company at the rate of 15 1/2 cents per gallon.

"I took the local agent to task for this but he insisted that his company did not lower the price of gasoline although gas was selling in service stations considerably below the price we are paying," he said. The councilman declared that the oil company's agent said that the price of wholesale gasoline was never lowered.

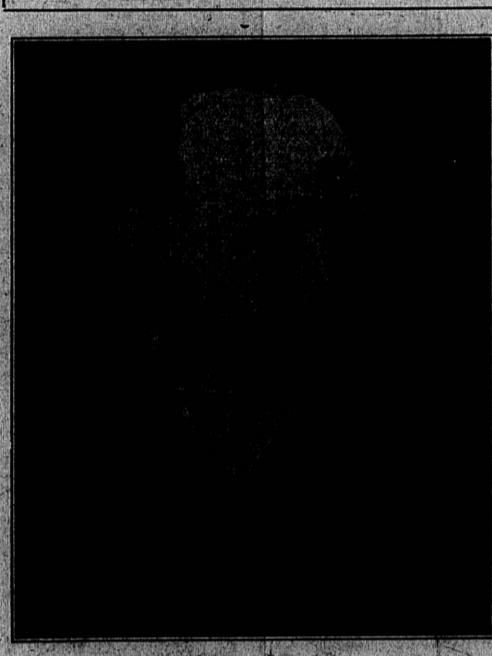
### Annual Audit of City Books Will Be Started Soon

Because it is time for the annual yearly audit of the city's books, the city council will study bids submitted by auditing firms and individual accountants and select one of the bidders to do the work before the next regular meeting. Last year the books were audited by the firm of Ernst and Ernst, a nationally-known organization, with the result that the city obtained a detailed report at the cost of around \$500. This year such a thorough report is not deemed necessary, according to Councilman Ed Nelson, and a saving could be made.

As of June 30  
However, the councilman pointed out that there is the chance that if the books were audited by an individual instead of a well-known firm that any legal controversy that may come up in the future may be unfavorable to the city. He said that he favored the appointment of a local firm to do the work but that he believed there was not a certified public accountant in Torrance.

M. J. Gillis, a C.P.A., who had submitted a bid, was in the audience and spoke in behalf of his offer to do the work at a maximum price of \$500. The ultimate cost of the work would depend, however, on the condition of the books, he said. The audit will be as of June 30, 1930.

### "DENNIS FOR JUSTICE"



Directed by the "Dennis for Justice" committee, the opening of Mayor John Dennis's campaign for the office of justice of peace of Lomita township was heralded this week.

"Dennis for Justice" will be the rallying cry of the Torrance mayor's many friends throughout the arduous weeks of the campaign, according to Don Findley, campaign manager for Mr. Dennis. In a few words Mayor Dennis announced this week his impression of good administration in the office he is seeking. "I believe in administering office without sectional favoritism or partiality to any particular people," he said.

**Civic Qualifications**  
"I can and will, pledge justice and good judgment," the mayor continued. "The office to which I hope to be elected can produce many friends for the entire

### "Beware The Greeks Bearing Gifts"

Water Franchise Should Be Denied, and Action Started For Municipal System

An Editorial  
By GROVER C. WHYTE

The application of the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company for a 50-year franchise should be met with a flat refusal by the Torrance City Council, as everyone knows the only satisfactory solution of the water problem here is by installing a municipally owned and operated water system.

**MEETINGS CONFLICT; RALLY INVITE DECLINED**  
Because it conflicted with an important meeting of the Metropolitan Water District, which is being studied by the city council, that body was forced to decline an invitation to be present at a grand rally to be held at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles, July 21, when the candidates for governorship and 44 mayors are to be present. Several of the council plan to attend the water meeting, which is to be held at Riverside.

### WOMAN AND SON INJURED IN COLLISION

Truck Hits Automobile; Both Vehicles Are Badly Damaged

A mother and her five-year-old son were treated at the Jared Steiner Torrance Memorial hospital July 11 for injuries received in a collision of the touring car driven by the woman and a heavily loaded truck on Western avenue between Border avenue and the Pacific Electric viaduct.

Mrs. J. A. Daniels, 2326 South Morton avenue, Los Angeles and her son Jimmie, were the victims. Mrs. Daniels was treated for several fractured ribs while the boy was given medical attention for minor cuts and bruises, according to police. The truck, which was loaded with reinforcing iron, was driven by J. T. Price, 2926 Pepper street, Lomita, and was owned by the Tolson Transportation System, it was reported.

Both the truck and the automobile were badly damaged, as the truck crashed into a tree off the road after hitting the automobile, police said. The investigating officers reported that the truck was evidently on the wrong side of the road at the time the accident occurred. In his report to the authorities, Price stated that the left front wheel of his truck hit the left front of the car. He said he could not tell how the collision occurred.

### NEW WAY TO CATCH THE ELUSIVE GRUNION

During the recent frenzied search for grunion at the nearby beaches one Torrance citizen failed to make a catch of a single silver fish until he arrived back home.

This candidate for space in any cartoonists' "Believe It or Not" was exceedingly disgruntled after spending hours patrolling the sands—and all without a sight of Mrs. Grunion.

But at home, imagine his surprise to discover one of the tiny fish coily tucked away in the cuff of his left trouser leg. Said Torrance citizen, whose name is lost to history, is reported to have enlisted the aid of a taxidermist and will display the unusual catch for years to come.

### Mayor Dennis To Be Secretary Pro Tem of Chamber

By a unanimous vote of the board of directors last night, Mayor John Dennis was appointed secretary pro tem of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce during the absence of the executive secretary, Carl Hyde.

The mayor's knowledge of the many problems confronting the chamber at the present time will enable him to carry on the work without delay of any kind, it was pointed out by the directors. Mr. Hyde will continue to supervise the work of the chamber but his absence from the city while he is general campaign manager for John Quinn, candidate for supervisor of the Fourth district, made it imperative that the chamber appoint a citizen to take his place. Another Torrance resident, W. Harold Kingsley, is acting as publicity chairman of Quinn's campaign.

### \$12,000,000 PLANT PLANNED BY GENERAL PETROLEUM CO.

Erection of Great Enterprise Is Authoritatively Learned By Herald and News; Will Be First of Big Expansion

**CORPORATION OFFICIALS REFUSE TO COMMENT**  
Plans Are Predicated Upon Shelving of Proposed Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway To Which City Is Opposed

Heralding a tremendous stride in the industrial progress of Torrance, early construction will be started on a \$12,000,000 refinery by the General Petroleum Corporation on the 1000-acre site purchased here about two years ago was authoritatively learned here today.

### Yard and Garden Contest Winners Announced Here

Club Holds Interesting Meeting at Legion Hall Monday

Winners of the Torrance District Garden Club "Yard and Garden Contest" were named Monday night by H. J. Delinger, chairman of the committee in charge of the contest, which was held over a period of three months here.

Mrs. George Koehler of Keystone was the winner of the sweepstakes prize of \$25 offered by Mrs. Jared Sidney Torrance for having the prettiest entire yard. In announcing the winners, Mr. Delinger stated that the judging was very difficult and the scoring close in most of the instances. He named the committee of judges, which included S. E. Merrill, John King, Charles Braxton, Mr. Van Horn of Howard and Smith, and Mr. R. B. Waldo of San Pedro.

### BOY AVIATION FANS SHOULD ENTER MEET

All Torrance boy aviation enthusiasts are cordially invited to enter an indoor airplane contest to be held by the Redondo American Legion post at the Mandarin ballroom, Redondo Beach on the afternoon of July 30. The invitation was extended through the Torrance post of the Legion.

Boys who desire to enter the contest, for which prizes of cut and medals will be awarded winners in each of the three events, should telephone A. W. Greiner, at 76-W, to leave their names and addresses in order that a preliminary meeting can be held here before the contest.

**Must Be All Boy Built**  
The events to be held are: (1) R. O. G. duration motor stick from thrust bearing to rear hook not to exceed nine inches and a wing span of 12 inches; (2) Indoor tractor duration motor stick from thrust bearing to rear hook not to exceed 15 inches. No limitations as to wing span and this event to be hand-launched; (3) Indoor commercial duration fuselage to be 16 inches or less, wing span 18 inches or under. Commercial ships may be either of the three or four longeron type, but must have a built-up double surface, wing and tail surfaces.

All ships must be entirely built by the boy who flies it, according to the rules of the contest. The boy must also carry his own propeller and no bought kit jobs are allowable.

**ROTARY OFFICERS WILL ATTEND STATE MEET**  
Announcement of new committees to function during the coming year for the Torrance Rotary club will be made by President Sam Levy next week, he said today at a meeting of the club.

Mr. Levy and Ed Nelson, secretary of the club, will attend the Presidents' and Secretaries' convention at Santa Barbara tomorrow and Saturday.

### COMMUNITIES SPURN OFFER TO JOIN CITY

Hawthorne Loses Chance To Get More Area; Other Elections

Moneta Garden Acres and Western City voted "thumbs down" on the opportunity to be annexed to Hawthorne by a decisive 1 to-1 ballot Monday. The total vote cast in the two elections was 44 against annexation to 106 for the proposal.

Separately, Moneta Garden Acres spurned Hawthorne's proffered annexation 208 to 70 while Western City balloted 238 against 30 the joining Hawthorne.

Opponents of the Hawthorne proposition are reported to be looking toward either Torrance or Gardena as the cities at which they would like to be part. The approximate valuation of the district is said to be about \$4,500,000.

**Incorporation Election**  
On August 5 a special election will be held on the question as to whether Gardena, Moneta and Strawberry Park shall incorporate into a city of the sixth class. A similar election is to be held in Downey on the same date, it was reported.

Candidates who will make the race for the various city offices will be voted upon at the same time as the vote on incorporation, thus saving the expense of two elections. Should the incorporation carry the candidates receiving the most votes will be elected.

**Lawdale To Vote**  
None of the elective officers carry any regular salary except that of city clerk which is customarily a full time position in sixth class cities. The amount of the clerk's salary is fixed by the city council.